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Please reject the Holtec Environmental Report (ER) proposal to bring up to 100,000 metric tons of spent fuel, high-level radioactive waste to southeast New Mexico.

I am very concerned about the Jolted proposal and highly radioactive waste being transported through thousands of communities nationwide. Every potential rail route risks hundreds of thousands of people.

I am also concerned that the Holtec Proposal puts the operation and monitoring of nuclear waste in the hands of a private company who could simply dissolve at any point in time and leave New Mexico tax payers on the hook for the operations and management. Or even worse, accident occurs and the private company can't afford the costs of cleanup. Who will be responsible in that scenario? Current law only allows the U.S. Department of Energy to take title to commercial spent fuel at a storage facility, probably for these very reasons. The Holtec site is a private facility and should not be allowed.

A proper environmental assessment must be completed with known routes and disaster scenarios, including accidents and terrorist attacks, assessed before any consideration is given to opening such a site.

The potential risks of radioactive contamination from leaks must also be addressed for both the transport and storage phases

Critical DOD facilities exist in vicinity of the proposed site. How would a disaster at the the Holtec site or on a transportation route impact these DOD facilities, soldiers, and our National Security?

Is there any risk for groundwater contamination either during normal operation or in the event of a disaster?

Leaders from the oil and gas industry, farming, dairy, and tourism industries have all spoken out against this proposal. Local councils including Bernalillo, Albuquerque, and Las Cruces have passed resolutions opposing it. Please say NO to this facility. The risks are too great and the benefits are too small to even consider it.

Thank you.

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